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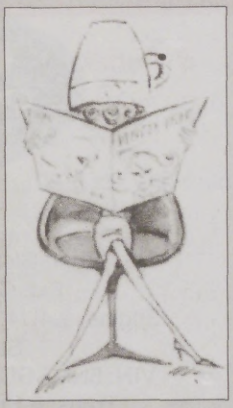

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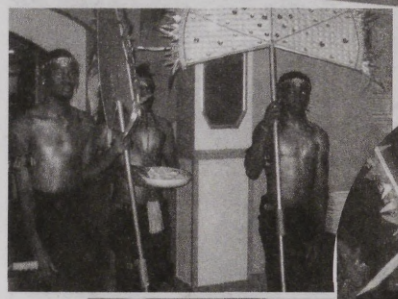
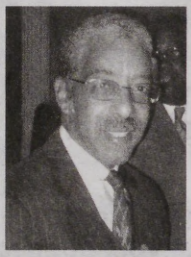
The stars came out...

n the evening of 10/10/2010, attendees totaling 350, came out to honor Mrs. Brenda Hofler-Battle to celebrate her retirement, 40 years of dedicated service to Newark Public Schools. The event took place at the Mediterranean Manor Newark, NJ. Mrs. Hofler-Battle set the tone of her Egyptian theme extravaganza by opening the event with three tyrant escorting her to her throne while being fanned in which she was awaited by her king Mr. Curtis (Milton) Battle. The event was hosted by Mistress of Ceremonies Ms. Kimmel Mayo with help from Mrs. Sheena Battle who carried out the evening of welcoming, family, friends, colleagues and political representatives, Congressman Donald Payne, Newark's 10TH-District and Sen. Ronald L. Rice who presented Mrs. Hofler-Battle with numerous dedications and awards on behalf of her service to Newark Public Schools.





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Bettie Martin talked about how she knew Mrs Brenda Hofler-Battle as a child... brother, Martin Hofler described her growing -up as his sister... Siddeeqah Hofler read her bio with Chantel Gaston reciting the poem "Phenomenal Women," ... as Alnisa Murray gracefully danced in Praise in her honor... her committee members (Sheena, Louise, Edna, Rosa, Chantal, Kimani and Bjaye) presented her with a bouquet of money that looked like roses, and her AKA sisters sung a song in tribute to her.

Also, Brenda's fourth grade student, now Principal of East Orange's High, Dr. Kelvin Harris and former student Lavada Berger presented her with gifts and sound bites about how they remember being in her class and she has helped students, families and friends from the Newark community.

Brenda and her guests were entertained by Newark Symphony Hall Special Ensemble Choir, (see p. 21); 12 youngsters who sung a collaboration of "Oldies but Goodies" songs. The evening ended with Newark's owned renowned singers The Escorts singing songs from their original hits such as "Look Over your Shoulder," "Ooh Baby Baby" and "I'll Be Sweeter Today, Than Yesterday."

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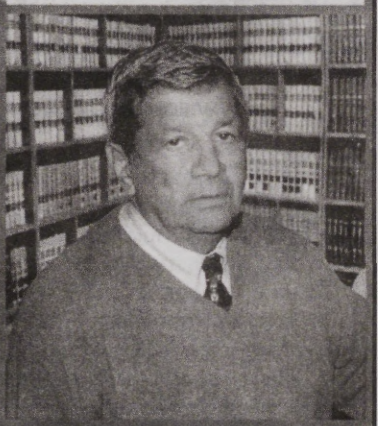

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THOMAS W. YUILLE

Printer for The Star Ledger; 62

Mr. Thomas W. Yuille, 62, passed away on Sunday, Octoer 24, 2010, after a long battle of 22 years with lymphoma.

Thomas, was born in Newark and was raised in Kearny.

He served in the U.S. Army in South Korea during the Vietnam War.

He was employed as a printer for Letraset in Moonachie for 15 years. Also, during that time he was employed by *The Star Ledger* as a printer. Thomas, also worked for *The After News,* in the 60s, along with his brother, the late, John Yuille.

MOSELLE RUTH DIGGS

Wife of Pancho Diggs

Mrs. Mozell Ruth Diggs (nee Howell), 90, made her transition on October 21, 2010.

Born in Oxford, NC, Mozell was a lifelong resident of Newark, and Irvington, NJ.

She was the beloved wife of the late Pancho Diggs, the devoted aunt of Hortense Stapleton, Leno Lipscomb and Wade Hewitt, Jr., and the grand-aunt of Deborah Leah Stapleton (Harold Gibson), Gwendolyn Stapleton-Wright and Zontha Glen Stapleton. She is also survived by a host of relatives, friends and care givers at Runnells Specialized Hospital.

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PATRICIA Y. (NEAL) STROUD

Administraive Assistant with the Rutgers College of Nursing Dept. in Newark

Patricia Y. (Neal) Stroud, 54, made her transition, Sept. 23, 2010.

A celebration of her life was held Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Phillips Metropolitan C.M.E. Church, 27 Morris Ave., Newark, N.J. Arrangements were by Whigham Funeral Home.

She was loved by all who came in contact with her for her quick wit and keeping it real personaly. Patricia in her extra time used to work part time at AAA in Florham Park and at A&S im Short Hills, NJ, back in the day. In 1985, she became employed with Rutgers University. 2006, Patricia received a Rutgers staff service award for years of dedicated work as an administrative assistant with the Rutgers College of Nursing Department.

Patricia was the cherished daughter of the late Vertee and J.C. Neal Jr.; the devoted wife of Irvin; loving mother of Allan and Courtney, and the caring sister of Joseph, Anita Marie and Ira Neal.

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AFTER HOURS

Time passes, and we all must go, but, what counts is did we contribute, while we were here...

The passing of Thomas Yuille, (printer, *Star Ledger*), recently, brought back thoughts of some of the folks that started with us way back when. Tom, along with his brother, the late John Yuille, *(also, with the Ledger)*, worked with our staff at *The AfterHours News*, print shop in East Orange, NJ. Some of the originals, included Bjaye Thompson, Jeri Ward Walker, Abe Tillman, Marcia James, Clarence Hayes, Harry Webber, Lorraine Lavender, Hebert Smith, Herbert Killebrew, Tiny Prince. We worked out of several offices, beginning on West Market Street, then onto 24 Branford Place (ninth flr.). John Yuille, the older brother was with us on West Market St., and Thomas joined us much later when we moved downtown. Although, we started in 1949, with an artist, named Al Madison... time passes... Folks are talkin' about JOHN'S PLACE, where Mrs. Steward has left her legacy, of excellent cooking to John. He's doing a great job... smiles... Our staff is trying to locate Lula Mae Walker, – the number is 973-901-4102, please get in touch (smiles)... Don Frio is still the hottest name to see, when you're doing business at Lynnes Hyundai, 401 Bloomfield Ave. Blfld. He also handles business for T.P.– smiles... Heard a rumor that Marcia, may be coming with us soon, all you businesses looking for advertising space, watch out! (smiles) Ladies', we don't like to tell you what to do, but we think you are missing a great local store for under garments, "BIG & BEAUTIFUL LINGERIE (*see p. 8 ad*)... Watch for the WBGO(Jazz 88.3FM) Affair in December... Folks, are telling us to bring back "US" by Percy – a very funny cartoonist.

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Newark Then And Now

As I was traveling on Sussex Avenue one evening, I was struck with the fact that my old neighborhood has suffered through many years of decay and neglect. Notice the usage of the word suffered. The leaders of our city still don't get it. The citizens of Newark didn't just wake up one day and disavow a whole way of life. The city's erosion has been slow and steady. As the element of hopelessness got a foothold in our community, we continue to blame everyone for social ills that are being self-inflicted.

After the riots, it should have been apparent to any level-headed and fair-minded citizen that without small business owners rebuilding and reinvesting in our community, Newark would be on a path of social chaos. Well here we are in 2010, and our city is still not economically growing at a rate to give self dignity to its residents. Therefore, those that can move out of the city do and others will continue to do so.

We need to put hope back into the lives of our citizens. We need to revitalize them and give them a reason to get up and be productive individuals each and every day. The only road to that life energy force is through education.

Unfortunately, though it seems that the guardians of innovation and education have decided to maintain their state of suspended animation. We have had decades of "cute" educational jargon from the so called new thinkers of curriculum and educational development with zero results. But does that stop the ball from continuing to move? Of course not, we continue this so called progressive thinking with cave man results.

Newark students do not need anyone to tell them they are not receiving an education which will prepare them for the much overused phrase "global world". We also know that the majority of Newark's teaching staff cares for their wards. Maybe, just maybe, the real cause for failure starts with high unemployment, poor housing, drugs, teenage pregnancy, and a revolving criminal system that will never end. The list of social injustices can go on.

Which brings me back again to those evil days of living in Newark. Those days where you had a prosperous and vibrant downtown, many prosperous and caring communities, a school system that produced senators, congressmen, governors, mayors, and successful citizens. Maybe we need to get back to the basics of raising a family and treating each other with civility and compassion. It is time for the churches to come out, step up, and help guide its flock, a flock that is so desperately crying out for assistance in this great city of ours.

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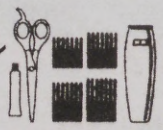

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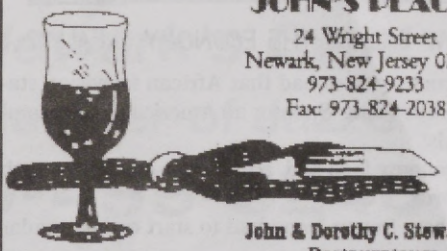

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The economy is so bad, I saw the CEO of Wal-Mart shopping at Wal-Mart.

The economy is so bad, I went to my bank the other day and the teller handed me a note saying, "This is a robbery!"

The economy is so bad, Bill Gates had to switch to dial up.

The economy is so bad, Dr. Seuss rose from the grave to write a new book: Green Eggs and Spam.

The economy is so bad that I went to my bank to get a loan, they said, "What a coincidence! That's just what we were going to ask you!"

The economy is so bad, rapper 50 Cent had to change his name to 10 Cent.

The economy is so bad, Barack Obama changed his slogan to "Maybe We Can!

The economy is so bad, my ATM gave me an IOU!

The economy is so bad that the highest-paying job in town is jury duty.

The economy is so bad I saw a man in Costco buying one roll of toilet paper.

The economy is so bad that I saw a van full of legal immigrants illegally crossing the border to Mexico.

The economy is so bad that parents in Bevery Hills are considering raising their own children.

The economy is so bad that wives are having sex with their husbands because they can't afford batteries.

The economy is so bad, Obama met with three small businesses to discuss his Stimulus Plan: GM, Pfizer, and Citigroup.

It's so bad, McDonalds is introducing the 1/4-Ouncer.

The economy is so bad, that a prostitute asked me if she could borrow $20 until she can get back on her back.

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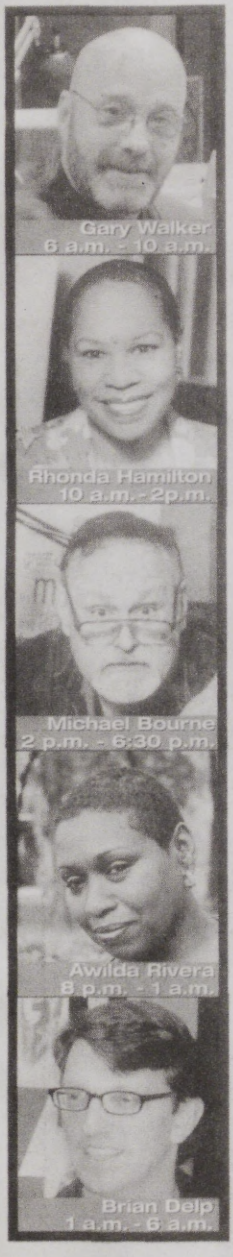

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A Family Man:
Ron, his wife and their four children are fourteen year residents of West Orange. All four of their children are students in the West Orange Public School System

25 Year Career Law Enforcement Officer:
Ron worked hard to rise through the ranks from officer through sergeant, lieutenant, captain and associate warden. Ron is currently the Associate Director of New Jersey's largest County Correctional Facility with a staff of over 700 employees and an operating budget of over $100 Million

Certified Public Manager:
In addition to a B.A. in Criminal Justice, Ron is also a Certified Public Manager. Ron also attended the Leadership Institute at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (Leaders for the 21st Century)

Coach & Scout Leader:
Ron, himself an Eagle Scout, is also an Adult Leader with the West Orange Cub Scouts; serves on the Mountaintop League's Board of Trustees. He is also the West Orange Junior Mountaineer's wrestling coach. He coached PAL Baseball, Mountaintop Little Kickers and Mountaintop T-Ball

Founder/President of We Care 4 All Foundation:
A West Orange based non profit organization that has raised thousands of dollars for breast cancer, women's health charities, and local children's charities *www.wecare4allfoundation.org*

PTA Member:
Ron and his wife are both PTA members at Mount Pleasant and Liberty Schools

Ron Charles is a candidate with fresh ideas who believes in...

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